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In re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1723
Pope et al.)
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For: "FILTERING DEVICE WITH ASSOCIATED SEALING DESIGN AND METHOD"

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir or Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:Election/Restrictions

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-38 and 45-61, drawn to a filter device, classified in class 210, subclass 321.6.
- II. Claims 39-44, drawn to a method of filtering, classified in class 210, subclass 650.

Applicant elects the invention represented by Group I, claims 1-38 and 45-61, without traverse, affirming the provisional election made by phone with the Examiner on 01/10/2003.